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FM AMEMBASSY HELSINKI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1617  
INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM IMMEDIATE  
AMCONSUL LENINGRAD IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, PINS, FI

SUBJECT: HIJACKING OF SOVIET AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 160175

1. LATEST PRESS REPORTS AS OF 0800 GMT INDICATE HIJACKED  
SOVIET TU-134 IS STILL ON GROUND AT HELSINKI AIRPORT BUT THAT  
22 WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO DEPLANE AND SOVIET  
CREW ALSO RELEASED BY TWO HIJACKERS ON BOARD. UNCLEAR AS TO  
WHETHER ANY AMERICANS ON BOARD BUT WE SHOULD HAVE THIS INFORMA-  
TION SHORTLY. FLIGHT WAS DOMESTIC AEROFLOT FROM PETROSKOI  
TO LENINGRAD AND WAS DIVERTED TO FINLAND BY HIJACKERS,  
LANDING AT HELSINKI SHORTLY BEFORE 9 P.M. LOCAL TIME JULY 10.

2. FINNISH AUTHORITIES APPARENTLY STILL UNDECIDED REGARDING  
HIJACKERS DEMANDS TO CONTINUE TO STOCKHOLM AND NEGOTIATIONS  
ARE APPARENTLY CONTINUING. HIJACKERS HAVE REPORTEDLY ASKED  
FOR FINNISH CREW FOR FLIGHT.

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3. IF HIJACKERS SHOULD SURRENDER TO FINNISH AUTHORITIES, IT  
SEEMS CLEAR THAT THEIR RETURN TO SOVIET UNION WOULD BE CALLED  
FOR UNDER TERMS OF AUGUST 23, 1974, AGREEMENT ON  
COOPERATION ON PREVENTION OF HIJACKING OF COMMERCIAL  
AIRCRAFT SIGNED BY THE USSR AND FINLAND. FINLAND IS ALSO  
PARTY TO HAGUE CONVENTION.

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